(*c*) whether the reduction in the commutation rate of paddy from 6 fanams to 3 fanamas with regard to the Kandukrishi Pattom for 1107 was made on account of the fall in the price of paddy ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (c) is in the affirmative, the reason for granting the concessional rate only up to the close of Tulam 1108 ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) In G. O. Dis. No. 155 /26/Rev., dated the 22nd October 1926, fixing the commutation rate of Kandukrishi paddy tax in respect of Kandukrishi Pattom lands the rate was fixed at 24 chs. per *para* of paddy. The commutation rate in respect of arrears of Kandukrishi tax due for the year 1107 was temporarily reduced to 12 chs. as a matter of concession and cannot be climed as a right.

Enquiry into the alleged Police excesses at Alleppey.

96. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the enquiry by the Quilon Dewan Peishkar into the alleged Police outrages at Alleppey, has been concluded ; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table the relevant papers connected with the same ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy of the District Magistrate's report* on the subject, together with a copy of the orders issued by Government in the matter are placed on the table.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE MUSLIM SUCCESSION BILL.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : I beg to move that in clause 1, sub-clause (1), line 2, after the figure "110," the figure "8" be added.

MR. MAHOMED MUSTAPHA (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : I second it.

The amendment was carried.

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Appendix II—B

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 96.**

Copy of G. O. R. O. C. No. 1129/32/ Judl., dated the 26th Nov. 1932, to the Commissioner of Police, Travancore.

I have the honour to inform you that, on receipt of a representation in March 1932, from Mr. R. Raman Pillai and certain other members of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, regarding alleged Police excesses in the town of Alleppey, in connection with the picketing movement, the District Magistrate, Quilon, was requested to conduct a careful enquiry into the allegations of ill-treatment, by the Police, of prisoners in the Alleppey lock-up and submit his report to Government. The District Magistrate was also instructed to take from the policemen who were accused of ill-treatment, their version of the affair, allow them to cross-examine the witnesses, most of whom were picket prisoners, and take any evidence that they might have to disprove the allegation. The District Magistrate's report has been received, and the conclusions arrived at therein by him are—

(i) that Police Constable No. 2102, Krishnan Nair, is the worst sinner in the whole affair, that his conduct has been complained against by almost all the witnesses and that the conduct of this constable deserves notice;

(ii) that Head constable Raman Pillai of the Alleppey station has evidently been a party or at least a witness to the misdeeds of the constables and that his conduct deserves notice;

(iii) that writer Kesava Pillai of the same station has been responsible for one incident, of having beaten two of the picket prisoners, on the alleged ground of having made noise in the lock-up, for which his conduct also deserves notice; and

(iv) that three witnesses have spoken against Police constable No. 2152, Mathew, and that his conduct also deserves notice.

2. Government have carefully considered the report of the District Magistrate and the conclusions arrived at by him. There is no doubt whatever that prisoners in the lock-up were ill-treated and the conduct of the policemen concerned deserves serious notice. Government accordingly order that the following punishments be meted out to them :

(i) that Police Constable No. 2102, Krishnan Nair, be dismissed from the service;

(ii) that Head Constable Raman Pillai, be degraded;

(iii) that station writer Kesava Pillai and Police Constable No. 2152, Mathew, be placed under suspension, each for a period of three months.

3. I request that you will be so good as to give effect to the order contained in paragraph 2 supra, *at once.*

4. A copy of report No. 145, dated the 1st Vrischikam 1108, from the District Magistrate, Quilon, is enclosed for your information.

A. KUMARA PILLAI,
Secretary to the Legislative Counci

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